

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed August 12, 2005. Claims 1-25 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 25 are independent claims.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,404,762 to Luzeski et al. ("Luzeski"). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Pertinent to the present invention, each independent claim includes the limitation of

*"performing a process relating to session management on a single session of a series of information processes where respective accessing processes in the single session are performed using respective different media according to the received unified session information."*

The limitation was the subject of the prior response. Therein, all independent claims were amended to recite "*a series of information processes where respective accessing processes in the single session are performed using respective different media.*" Support thereof may be found in Figs. 13, 21, 22, 26, 46, 47, 52, 53, 59, and 60; and the descriptions thereto.

Luzeski does not teach, disclose, or suggest the claimed limitations. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the patentability of the claims.

The present invention relates to information processing sessions. Therein, the claimed invention permits a session for two or media – such as email, web, or voice – to be managed consistently. Pg. 15, lines 10-17. This permits a user to perform a series of information processes using arbitrary media for each access to narrow a search for information.

Advantageously in the present invention, as illustrated, for example, in Fig. 13, a session management system 72 receives a search request of a user via an access network 71-1. System 72 then requests an external search engine 101 to perform an information search. When it receives the result of the information search from the search engine 101, system 72 transmits the result back to the user via the access network 71-1.

The user, on receiving the transmitted result, can use respectively different communication media for sending a first search request and a subsequent second search request – the second search request being used to narrow the search result received in response to the first request -- to the session management system 72.

Luzeski does not teach, disclose, or suggest this functionality. Luzeski appears to disclose a communication in a form either an e-mail message, a voice message or a facsimile message, and allows a user of the system to access to messages of any of these forms using a web-browser when the user specifies all of profile identifier, pass-word and session ID. Col. 4, lines 5-49; col. 7, lines 20-42.

In contrast, when a user is in the middle of one session that has been established by a session manager 10-5, the user is restricted in his choices. The user can only use a web-browser for accessing a stored message or accessing a messaging system, but the user cannot use an e-mail or voice for accessing the stored message or assessing the messaging system.

Although, Figs. 4-1 and 4-J disclose configurations in which a user uses a voice for accessing a UVMS; however, when the access is established it is not one through the session manager 10-5 but represents a session established independently from a web-browser session. Col. 22, line 40 – col. 23, line 10; col. 23, line 61 – col. 24, line 11.

Consequently, Luzeski does not teach, disclose, or suggest enabling a user to use respectively different media for performing a plurality of accesses in a single session of a series of information processes as claimed.

All dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claim from which they depend.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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